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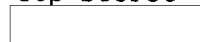
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LEBANON-UN: Security Council Consultations

*Pressure is mounting in the UN Security Council to encourage wider participation in the Middle East peace process as Jordan assumes the presidency of the Council for October.* [redacted]

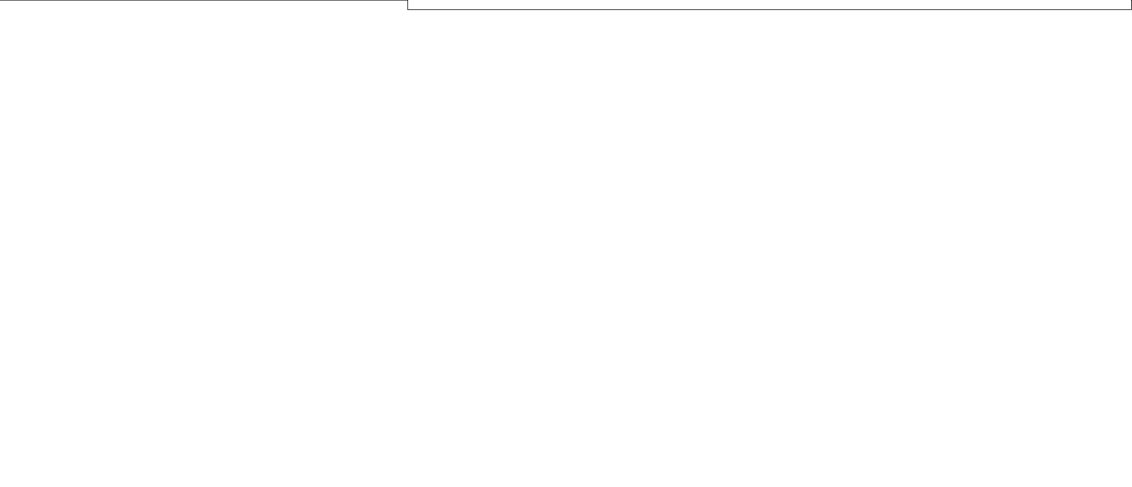
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Consultations have begun in the Security Council to respond to the General Assembly's call for an investigation of the massacre in Beirut. Jordan has proposed that some prominent individual lead an investigation. [redacted]

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UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar has recommended consideration of special Security Council negotiations on the Middle East. [redacted]

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Comment: There is widespread support for an investigation of the massacre but only on conditions acceptable to Lebanon. The Security Council probably will find an acceptable formula that does not provide for an on-site visit. [redacted]

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The Security Council is unlikely to engage in serious negotiations on the Middle East. It will provide a forum for the various sides to elaborate their proposals and to urge the US to use its leverage on Israel to withdraw from Lebanon. [redacted]

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## USSR-US: New Purchases of Grain

*The USSR--after a five-month hiatus--reentered the US grain market this week.* [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Thus far,  
1.4 million tons of corn have been registered with the  
US Department of Agriculture.// [redacted]

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Comment: These purchases mark the beginning of a new yearly cycle of grain imports. Soviet farmers are experiencing their fourth consecutive year of poor production, and foreign purchases in 1982 may approach the record of 40 million tons set last year. [redacted]

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The Soviets will have to look to the US to fill the bulk of their needs during the next six months. Argentina has available only about 1.5 million tons of coarse grain and will not be able to ship new crop wheat until January. [redacted]

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//Although the USSR apparently has the resources to pay cash for most of its grain imports, Moscow is likely to continue using credit to finance some purchases. [redacted]

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## CHINA-USSR: Outlook for Talks

*China is emphasizing that talks with the USSR, scheduled to begin on Tuesday in Beijing, will be prolonged and will focus on the Soviet military presence along China's border.* [redacted]

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[redacted] the US Embassy in Beijing reported that the Soviet delegation, led by a Deputy Foreign Minister, was scheduled to arrive yesterday. [redacted]

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[redacted] the talks could involve several rounds and might lead to a signed document. [redacted]

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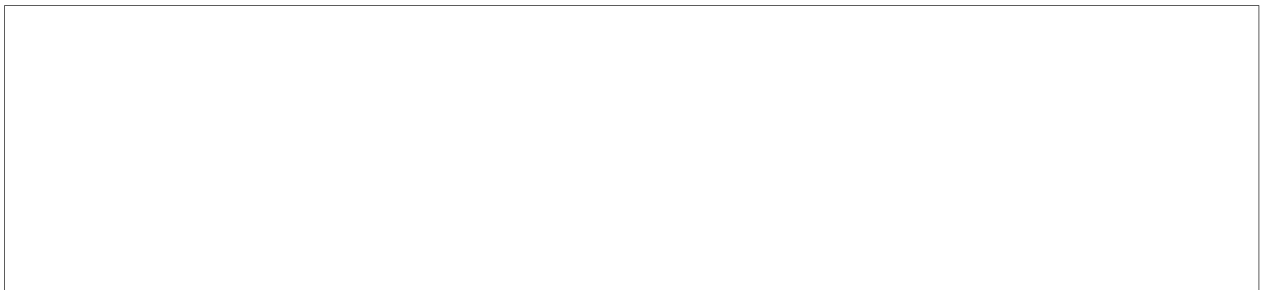
[redacted] the two sides have agreed to discuss a broad range of issues. Deng alluded to this format earlier this week, when he told Japanese Prime Minister Suzuki that China would raise international as well as bilateral topics. [redacted]

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Deng and Premier Zhao Ziyang said China recognizes the need for contacts with Moscow, but both were skeptical about results. They also emphasized that Moscow needed to withdraw troops from China's border and Mongolia or to change its policies in Indochina and Afghanistan before relations are normalized. Zhao reportedly said that, without such changes, China would continue to oppose Soviet hegemonism. [redacted]

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Comment: Although the Chinese question the Soviets' willingness to compromise, Beijing still wants to probe Moscow for signs of flexibility and, in the process, lower bilateral tensions. China probably expects that the prospect of movement in its relations with the USSR will increase its leverage with the West. [redacted]

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## POLAND: Future Status of Solidarity

*The regime, despite some mixed signals, probably has not yet made a final decision on when to withdraw Solidarity's legal status.*

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Several senior media spokesmen have told US Embassy officers they expect Solidarity to be dissolved in the near future. An editor of a moderate weekly predicted that another round of serious street disturbances would be one outcome of parliament's deliberations on unions. The parliament is slated to meet on 8 October, and there is much public speculation that it will pass a new trade union law. [redacted]

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Meanwhile, the Polish press has printed some mildly positive comments on Solidarity. It also has reported polls showing Solidarity still has strong support throughout the country. [redacted]

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Comment: [redacted]

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Premier Jaruzelski may decide to push for passage of trade union legislation, arguing that this issue will have to be resolved before martial law is ended. He still appears intent on carrying out his pledge in July to restore civilian rule by the end of the year if conditions warrant. [redacted]

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VIETNAM-CHINA: New Warning on Oil Exploration

*Hanoi last week again warned 33 US and other Western oil companies not to sign contracts with China for exploration in waters claimed by Vietnam.* [redacted]

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The warning comes six weeks after the companies submitted bids to explore large areas of the Gulf of Tonkin and the South China Sea [redacted]

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[redacted] The claims, however, do not involve the more important Pearl River Basin, northeast of Hainan Island. [redacted]

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It is not clear how Vietnam will respond to exploratory drilling. [redacted]

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## EL SALVADOR: Labor Criticizes Reforms

Leaders of the independent nonpartisan labor movement, the Popular Democratic Unity, have launched a media campaign against alleged rightwing obstructionism and corruption in land reform agencies. The organization, which represents some 100,000 farmworkers and urban laborers, wants President Magana and the armed forces to remove rightists from the program. The US Embassy believes the campaign may be more a reflection of growing alignment between labor groups and the liberal Christian Democrats than genuine concern over the status of land reform.

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Comment: Some labor leaders privately support the Christian Democrats and--despite labor's efforts in the past to defend its independence--probably favor a greater political role in anticipation of presidential elections. The Christian Democrats may, in turn, be encouraging labor's media campaign to offset public attacks by conservative groups on the party's promotion of agrarian reform.

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